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For: SCANNING MICROSCOPIC METHOD  
HAVING HIGH AXIAL RESOLUTION

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Examiner: G. J. Stock

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, the period for response being extended three (3) months to May 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.